# FORM ON THE STAGE

Unemotional Version sented at the Park Theatre.

PRETTY VIEWS: NO THRILLS

Broadhurst Merely Puts the Poem on the Boards in a Series of Scenes.

"Evangeline"-at the Park Theatre. Edna Goodrich Ralph Bunker Bastl Lajeunnesse David Torrence Benedict Bellefontaine. John Harrington

of the material in the Longfellow verse But since J. Cheever Goodwin and E. E. Rice made a musical play out of the sad adventures of Gabriel and Evangeline ers in this popular piece, which kep its place on the stage long enough to

bring more than one player to fame. The "Evangeline" at the Park Theatre last night was quite a different affair. last night was quite a different affair. Thomas Broadhurst, using the Longfellow legend and some of the verse, set out to make an eminently worthy work, and Arthur Hopkins has more than once assured the public that he was taking seriously this production of a drama founded on a noted American epic. The performance gave ample evidence of care and the best intentions. Perhaps indeed it was this sense of effort and realization of the importance of the undertaking that was responsible for the gait at which the performance moved last night. But the dramatic pulse beats only faintly in any of its four acts.

Realistic Fire Scene.

One feature of the spectacle last night corresponded fully to the efforts of the producers. This came at the end of the second act. Remarkably effective as stage illusion was the burning of Grandpre. The expelled Acadians had been sent away in as many boats as the commander designed to have leave that night. The haudful remaining on the shore heard with alarm the cries of Father Felician, who came to them with the news that their town had been set on fire. In the diswho came to them with the news that their town had been set on fire. In the distance the horizon glowed with the destroying red. While the groups on the strand stared in stupefied horror at the distant flames, the clouds, lighted up by the fire, swept over their heads. It was a thrillingly natural reproduction of a fire. Perhaps the fact that it aimed to suggest rather than realize completely what is impossible in its fullest form to the means of the stage may explain the success of this scene and ought to prove a useful hint to managers as to the means of obtaining the best scenic results.

The opening scene of the play, described as "The Forest Primeval," showed the interior of a deep wood, and Edith Yaeger as the Spirit of Acudie recited some of the Longfellow dactyllic hexameters. A street in Grandpre with the quaint houses picturesquely grouped along its irregular sides, a living room substantial in its suggestion of the beams and walls of timber and cement, an orchard filled with guests at the betrothal of Gabriel and Evangeline and the church before which the Acadians were commanded to gather to learn the news of their bandshment—these were the scenes to compose the division of the play which the author, following the arrangement of the poem, called "The Home." The opening scene of the play, described

"The Parting" a Dramatic Appeal.

of the National Malleable Iron Company of Ohio, of which Mr. Pope was president. The appraisers have placed 1,000 shares fared into a scene of some dramatic appeal "Louisiana," with Gabriel passes near her on the bayou with only the moss covered trees between them: the Indian mission to which the heroine the Indian forest which he has already left behind him when she reaches the vine covered door of the deserted cabin are the episedes of that part of the play called the pla

been regarded as the best kind of eighteenyear-old poetry. What Mr. Hopkins offered
New York theatreguers last night was a
handsomely extraillustrated edition of
this classic of youth. If there are sufficient
readers to keep "Evangeline" still popular,
there ought to be enough young people
in the world to see their favorite characters realized on the stage. The scenes
familiar to them from the poem are to be
seen and the characters are visualized.
The backgrounds are attractive in the
majority of cases, although, with every
deference to the most elaborate old fashioned methods of stage painting and
mise en scene, one must protest that a
canvas sky is not illusory when the stuff
hangs in folds. And it happened more
than once last night that the backgrounds
were marked by creases destructive of all

On the pictorial side of "Evangeline On the pictorial side of "Evangeline," however, there is little or no ground for complaint. It is weakest in the indispensable dramatic thrill. It is inconceivable that a performance of such length should be so rarely warmed by any emotional mood. Mr. Broadhurst, either from his respect for the poet or from his inability to find dramatic material in the story of this woman who sought her lover so long and so faithfully, has done no more than to put one scene from the

more than to put one scene from the poem on the stage after another. Interesting as the result might be to youthful admirers of the poem, it is doubtful if it will continue to allure playgoers in search of more stimulating theatrical diversion. It might be said that the time and the place are not sense from the interesting things connected with the life of "The Little things connected with the life of "The Little than the place are not sense tally admired." The Park Theatre, which has been devoted to the drama of the films for some time past, returned to its ancient usages last night when a stage version of Longfellow's "Evangeline" was performed. An earlier generation was familiar with another version of the same poem made on other version of the same poem made on the stage. This was not a respectful use of the material in the Longfellow verse.

Hard Tasks for the Cast.

Edna Goodrich's qualifications for the part of the heroine consist of a pair of part of the heroine consist of a pair of fine eyes, two long black plaits and good intentions enough to pave the Grand Central Station. Yet we have never heard that this stock in trade was sufficient to carry an actress through a long and preponderating role without more or less severe strain on the audience. It would require an actress of skill and variety to keep the public interested in this long role, which is more or less monotonous in its emotions. Lillian Kingsbury as the Shaunce read her speech with expressive-Shawner read her speech with expressive-ness, although certain provincialisms of pronunciation—notably in her r's—robbed the lines of some of their beauty.

It ought to have been possible to find a Gabriel more in accord and with the accepted youthful ideal, at least from a physical point of view, than Richard Buhler, especially as there is little in his tack that would task the skill of any actor.

STATESMEN PLAY TRUANT.

Members of Congress Bolt for Home

Despite Pleadings. Washington, Oct. 4.—Like poys-leased from school members of Congress of Cruikshank and a drawing halled their release from consideration of a large number of extra portraits.

"There are about 2,000 different portraits." tariff revision to-day. Dozens hurried "There a home for a surreptitious vacation. A f Napoleo procession of taxicabs and other convey- Dickinson,

the Union Station.

Despite President Wilson's demands for only two sessions each week.

While the Senate Banking Committee is

going through the motions of "studying" the Glass-Owen bill a minimum of busi-ness is projected by the two houses. The sudden exodus of members at both ends of the Capitol made it doubtful if a quorum of either branch will be here within a fortnight. It was said that the quorum of either branch will be here within a fortnight. It was said that the House already lacks a quorum, although the Democratic leaders requested the members to remain here at least another

A. A. POPE ESTATE \$5,489,550.

Appraisers File Their Inventory in Hartford, Conn.

MARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 4 .- The appraisal filed with the Judge of Probate in Farmington to-day values the estate of the late Aifred A. Pope at \$5,489,550.89, of which \$1,447,740 is represented by 10,341 shares of the National Malleable Iron Company

covered door of the deserted cabin are the episodes of that part of the play called "The Wandering." The playwright follows still further the divisions of the poet in ending the drama with "The Meeting." Here Evangeline, now a nun in the almshouse meets the dying Gabriel.

For a long time Longfellow's poem has The Senate adjourned to Tuesday.

Hetch Hetchy Bill Deferred.

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prints, autographs and the like. announcement of the association shows that the collection is a valuable and interesting one and contains the largest number of documents signed by Napoleon ever offered for sale in this country. A glimpse at the collection and the motives which inspired Mr. Crane in making it are shown in a letter which he wrote to the association in offering it for sale.

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"The autographic material in the collection is, I think, one of the most important of its kind that has been offered for sale at one time in many years. You will find twenty-eight documents signed by Napoleon from 1793 to and including 1815, which series contains a large number of the dif-ferent signatures of the Emperor.

Among the books are two volumes fro Napoleon's library, a set of Ireland's 'Life of Napoleon, first edition, 4 volumes in red calf, the Cruikshank colored plates backed with linen and containing a fine

f Napoleon, including those by Desnoyer, Hodgets and many other ances filled with statesmen rolled up to about 250 of which are in colors, some printed in colors.

Among the broadsides will be found in complete set of the bulletins issued by Despite President Wilson's demands for immediate currency legislation the Senate and House prepared to-day for a "loafing spell." Both houses plan frequent recesses of three days each, contemplating mencing with the 'Premier Bulletin, dated mencing with the 'Premier Bulletin, dated Gumbinem, June 20, 1812, in which is briefly sketched the movements of the French

TO SETTLE MRS. BALCH'S ESTATE.

Daughter Gets Letters of Adminis tration From Surrogate.

Sufrogate Fowler granted letters of administration yesterday to Grace C. Balch in the matter of the estate of her mother. Mrs. Georgia C. Balch, who died in Los Angeles on September 21. Miss Balch places the value of her mother's estate at \$2,500.

Mrs. Georgia C. Balch was the widow of Collins L. Balch, a manufacturer of

The estate of Mr. Balch was estimated at around \$250,000. The daughter put in a will for probate which left the income from the bulk of his estate to the daughter, her mother receiving only \$2,500 a year. The mother broke the will, but private arrangements were effected by which, it was understood, the widow consented to practically the terms of the will. Later on Mrs. Booth and

Colorado's Tributaries Threaten to Send Down Deluge. AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 4.—Four of the tribu-taries of the Colorado River north of here are on a wild rampage and these combined flood waters are expected to reach this point within the next two or three days.

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At points below San Angelo the rise is
forty feet. The river fell several feet at
Austin to-day. It is out of its banks along
its lower course and is inundating a long
stretch of cultivated farms.
The Guadelupe River is on a thirtyseven foot rise at Gonzales and has devastated a large area, washing away many

seven foot rise at Gonzales and has devastated a large area, washing away many homes. The Rio Grande is at flood stage all the way from Laredo to its mouth, 300 miles. Thousands of acres of cultivated land are under water.

On the Mexico side several small towns are inundated and hundreds of people are made homeless. Guerrero, Camargo, Rio Bravo, all in Mexico, are the worst sufferers. The city of Matamoras is threatened.

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**CURRENCY AT BOSTON** 

The proposed currency measure will be discussed at the thirty-ninth annual convention of the American Bankers Association, to be held in Boston, beginning tomorrow and lasting through Friday. Newport, Oct. 4.—The next commandant of the Narragansett Bay naval station is to be Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, present Commander in Chief of Knight, present Chief of Knight, present Chief of Knight, present Chief of the Atlantic reserve fleet. He will relieve Rear Admiral William B. Caperton, who morning. In addition there will be a conference to-morrow afternoon of the country banks in regard to the bill.

A. B. Hepburn, chairman of the commis-sion, will make a report to the associ-ation.

The greater part of to-morrow will be devoted to the meeting of the committees appointed at the last convention. On Tuesday there will be the meetings of the different sections. The trust company section, of which William C. Poillon, vice-president of the Bankers Trust Company of this city is president, will listen to add of this city, is president, will listen to ad-dresses by former Congressman Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts and Roberts

Proposed Law Will Be Debated

W. McCall of Massachusetts and Robert Walker of New York.

The savings bank section, over which R. C. Stepenson, vice-president of the St. Joseph County Savings Bank of South Bend, Ind., will preside, will listen to a discussion of the savings department clause of the currency bill. In addition, Edmund D. Fisher, Deputy Comptroller of New York city, and Carter B. Keene, New York city, and Carter B. Keene, director of the United States postal sav-

director of the United States postal savings system, will speak.

The Clearing Frouse section, of which Ralph Van Vechten, vice-president of the State National Bank of St. Louis, is president, will hear addresses by Carl Meyer of Chicago: Sol Wexler, vice-president of, the Whitney Central National Bank of New Orleans, and Raymond B. Cox, assistant cashier of the Fourth National Bank of this city.

At the meeting of the State secretaries' section there will be addresses by W. C. Macfadden, secretary of the North Dakota Bankers Association and president of the section: Andrew Smith, secretary of the Indiana Bankers Association, and George H. Richards, secretary of the Minnesota Bankers Association.

On Tuesday there also will be a conference of the different committees of the various State bankers' associations on agriculture and education.

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ex-champion heavyweight puglifst, before the trial of a suit brought by Jose Egan, who was at one time manager of the prizefighter, against the Pearson Pub. lishing Company, was filed in the preme Court yesterday. The suit is f defamation of character and is based an article written by Richard Barry, in which, Egan says, his honesty was ques-

Jeffries was asked about the finan settlement after his fight with Rob Fitz-simmons in 1909. He said that the purse was split 60 and 70 in his favor. When the money was counted, he said, Percy Williams, Egan and a Mr. Belasco

agriculture and education.

On Wednesday the first business session of the association will be held in Symphony Hall. Arthur Reynolds, first vice-president, will preside.

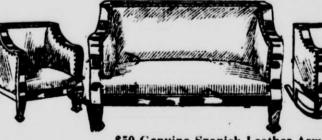
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